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CZECHOSLOVAK ENGINE-POWERED AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

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This publication has received the following news of Czechoslovak aircraft production since the publication of the survey in the January issue:

The Vusocany Aircraft Factory, a national enterprise in the suburbs of Prague, this year plans to produce 100 of its Aero-45 model, which is a twin-engine, four-place aircraft.

The EK-101, a twin-engine model with a wing span of 7.7 meters, with which the Hedeck Factory has been experimenting has proved satisfactory after initial difficulties were overcome. The prototype will be displayed shortly in a European tour, but a model with a larger wing has also been contemplated.

The Mraz factory, known as the Cherven Aircraft Factory, a nationalized enterprise, has further developed its popular MI Sokol model. The following types are expected in the near future: the Mraz M-2, a two-place model equipped with a 62-hp Zlin Perwy III engine; the Mraz M-3; a four-place model equipped with a 160-hp Walter Minor 6-III engine or with the 150-hp Praga E engine and a tricycle landing gear.

The Prague factory, known as the Karlin Aircraft Factory, another national enterprise, this year plans to build 20 to 30 of the Praga E-III, a twin-engine, four-place model. It has also designed a helicopter.

The Zlin, or Otrokovice Aircraft Factory, another national enterprise, is to begin production of the Bucker Bestmann with a 105-hp Walter Minor 4-III engine, to be known as the Zlin 381. In addition, the Zlin 26, a two-place training plane is in the design stage.

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